

**REMARKS**

Please reconsider the application in view of the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

**Disposition of Claims**

Claims 24-46 are pending in this application. Claims 24, 31, and 39 are independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from claims 24, 31, and 39.

**Drawings**

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to indicate whether the drawings filed in the referenced application are acceptable.

**Rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C § 102**

Claims 24-46 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by iPlanet Directory Server Administrator's Guide version 5.0, April 2001, Chapter 2 pp. 39-69 and Chapter 5 pp. 153-182 ("iPlanet").

iPlanet is not valid prior art to this application pursuant to MPEP §716.10. Specifically, the Applicant respectfully asserts that the portions of iPlanet cited by the Examiner (as well as any other portions of iPlanet that include subject matter that is similar to the subject matter in the portions of iPlanet cited by the Examiner) originated with the inventors of the referenced application. The Applicant's assertion is supported by the attached declarations under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132, which assert that the content of iPlanet referenced by the Examiner was conceived by David Boreham, Peter Rowley, and Mark Smith (*i.e.*, the inventors of the referenced application) and subsequently provided to Kieran Cross Rowley, a technical writer, to generate iPlanet. In

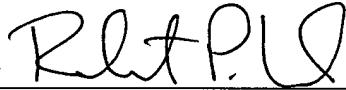
view of the above, iPlanet is not valid prior art to the present application. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

**Conclusion**

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 13220/016001).

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Attachments (Inventor Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132)  
(Declaration of Kieran Cross Rowley under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132)